



CALADIUMS FOR THE HOME LANDSCAPE

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Caladiums, *Caladium bicolor*, are grown for their long-lasting, colorful foliage. Color combinations include various shades of red, pink, white, green, and yellow-green, with prominently colored midribs and contrasting margins. There are two basic types of caladium cultivars: fancy- and strap-leaved. Fancy-leaved types have large, heart-shaped or semi-heart-shaped leaves borne on long petioles. The strap- or lance-leaved types have smaller, narrower, thicker, elongated leaves on short petioles giving the plants a more compact habit. Strap-leaved caladiums produce more leaves per tuber than fancy-leaved caladiums. Fancy-leaved types range in height from 12 to 30 inches while most strap-leaved types are under a ft in height.

Cultivars

There are thousands of caladium cultivars to choose from. Some of the best performing cultivars are listed below.

Fancy-leaved Caladium Cultivars

Aaron	White with green margins, some sun tolerance
Caladium Carolyn	White with green veins
Whorton	Pink with red veins and green margin, some sun tolerance
Fannie Munson	Pink with rose-colored veins traced with light green
Fire Chief	Dark pink, limited sun tolerance
Florida Fantasy	White with red veins

Freida Hemple	Deep red (lighter than Postman Joyner) with green margins, not sun tolerant
Gypsy Rose June Bride	Pink veins with green blotches
Kathleen	White with green margins
Pale salmon with green margins	
Marie Moir	Whitish green with red spots
Pink Beauty	Pink with dark pink veins and green margins, lighter than Fannie Munson
Pink Cloud	Pink with green margins, some sun tolerance
Postman Joyner	Dark red with green margins
Red Flash	Dark red with fuchsia spots and green margins, good sun tolerance
Rosebud	Red with green margins
White Queen	White with red and green veins, some sun tolerance
White Christmas	White with green margins

Strap-leaved Caladium Cultivars

Caloosa-hatchee	White with green margins
Caladium Jr.	Dwarf, white with green veins
Clarice	Pale cream to pink speckled with red
Florida Sweetheart	Rose pink with frilly green margins
Gingerland	White with red blotches and green margins

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